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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEDIA REACTION - SIX-PARTY TALKS

LEAD STORIES: Monday morning's Nihon Keizai front-paged the GOJ decision to accept an IAEA inspection of the TEPCO Kashiwazaki-Kariwa nuclear plant damaged by last Monday's massive earthquake.

[1](#)1. "No Optimism Warranted over DPRK Denuclearization" The top-circulation, moderate Yomiuri editorialized (7/21): "Procedures for North Korea's denuclearization could not be finalized in the recent round of the six-party talks in Beijing, and the participants put off dealing with thorny issues. As a nation facing a serious threat from North Korea's missiles and nuclear program, Japan has no grounds for optimism about the future.... The US seems to be rushing to implement the February agreement, but as long as there is no clear roadmap toward North Korea's complete abandonment of all its nuclear programs, Washington should not opt for an easy compromise with Pyongyang...."

[1](#)2. "DPRK Cannot Be Allowed to Use Six-Party Talks to Stall for Time" An editorial in the business-oriented Nihon Keizai commented (7/21): "A three-day meeting of the chief delegates to the six-party talks in Beijing ended without clarifying a timeline for implementing 'next-phase' measures to disable North Korea's nuclear facilities.... The other five parties to the talks, including host-country China, need to band together to step up the 'dialogue and pressure' approach so as not to allow North Korea to play for time any longer. The main purpose of the six-party talks, which is to get the DPRK to abandon its nuclear programs in a complete, verifiable, and irreversible manner, must not be

forgotten."

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